

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method in a network data processing system for distributed computing, the method comprising:

accepting a task for distributed computing;

sending work units to a plurality of data processing systems on a network, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems includes a software for accepting a work unit, processing the work unit to generate a result, and returning the result, wherein the software is monitored for compliance with an operation policy requiring a connection to the network and allocating a period of time for processing work units; and

receiving results from the plurality of data processing systems.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

assigning each of the plurality of data processing systems to a different user.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems is in a different location.

4. (Canceled)

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11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) A data processing system comprising:
 - a bus system;
 - a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 - a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes as set of instructions; and
 - a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to accept a task for distributed computing; send work units to a plurality of data processing systems on a network, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems includes a software for accepting a work unit, processing the work unit to generate a result, and returning the result, wherein the software is monitored for compliance with an operation policy requiring a connection to the network and allocating a period of time for processing work units; and receive results from the plurality of data processing systems.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Original) A data processing system for distributed computing, the data processing system comprising:
 - accepting means for accepting a task for distributed computing;
 - sending means for sending work units to a plurality of data processing systems on a network, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems includes a software for accepting a work unit, processing the work unit to generate a result, and returning the result, wherein the software is monitored for compliance with an operation policy requiring a connection to the network and allocating a period of time for processing work units; and
 - receiving means for receiving results from the plurality of data processing systems.

16. (Original) The data processing system of claim 15 further comprising:
assigning means for assigning each of the plurality of data processing systems to a different user.
17. (Original) The data processing system of claim 15, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems is in a different location.
18. (Canceled)
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23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for distributed computing, the computer program product comprising:
first instructions for accepting a task for distributed computing;
second instructions for sending work units to a plurality of data processing systems on a network, wherein each data processing system within the plurality of data processing systems includes a software for accepting a work unit, processing the work unit to generate a result, and returning the result, wherein the software is monitored for compliance with an operation policy requiring a connection to the network and allocating a period of time for processing work units;
and
third instructions for receiving results from the plurality of data processing systems.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)